

The Dutch and Swedish Start Colonies

- How did leadership and religion affect the Dutch settlement in the New World?

Henry Hudson

- English explorer sent to find Northwest Passage (1609)
- Claimed Hudson River valley and brought furs to The Netherlands

New Netherland

- Dutch West India Company established colonies in present-day New York
- Allies with Iroquois against the Huron and French
- Company offered land to anyone who brought 50 settlers to the colony (landowners called patroons)

New Amsterdam

- Dutch bought island of Manhattan from Native Americans
- Peter Minuit was appointed governor of the new town of New Amsterdam
- New Netherland was open to settlers from other countries; many minority groups
- Only Dutch Calvinists were allowed to practice religion in public; Jewish settlers could not worship openly or enjoy other rights of citizens
- Peter Stuyvesant became governor:
 - Stubborn about giving rights to minority groups
 - A strong leader, and brought law and order to the town

- Why did the Swedish come into conflict with the Dutch?

New Sweden

- Swedish government granted charter to New Sweden Company (1637)
- Peter Minuit was one of the Company directors (former gov. of New Netherland)
- Settled in Delaware, traded with Native Americans, made what they needed (including log cabin), and bought supplies from English colonies
- Dutch and Swedish came into conflict with each other, claiming same land
- Peter Stuyvesant sailed into Delaware Bay (1655) and took over New Sweden